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SUBJECT: LTP—Environmental Quality Incentives Program—Ranking Categories and Eligible Practices

Purpose: To issue the fiscal year (FY) 2015 Kansas General Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) ranking categories and eligible practices lists

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This bulletin replaces Kansas Bulletin KS300-15-20.

The FY2015 General EQIP eligible practices lists contain the Conservation Practices (CPs) eligible for financial assistance (FA) in each ranking category (Attachments 1 through 9).

NOTE: Additional requirements and/or limitations are outlined in the FY2015 Kansas Practice Payment Schedule.

The Kansas Practice Payment Schedule will be utilized for administering FY2015 EQIP. This schedule will include the regionalized CPs and scenarios. The state office (SO) will be responsible for posting the payment schedule in the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) under Section I—Cost Data and on the Kansas Web page. The SO will be entering the EQIP payment schedule data into the Programs Contracting System (ProTracts) and Customer Service Toolkit (CST). Area offices (AOs) will be notified when this is completed.

Revised Ranking Categories and Conservation Practices

The Water Quantity—Quick Response Areas ranking category has been removed from the ranking categories.

Forestland Health

The following CP has been **added**.

- CP 110—Grazing Management Plan

The following CP has been **removed**.

- CP 441—Irrigation System, Microirrigation

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Grazing Lands Health

The following CPs have been **added**.

- CP 108–Feed Management Plan
- CP 112–Prescribed Burning Plan
- CP 432–Dry Hydrant
- CP 576–Livestock Shelter Structure

Livestock Waste

The following CPs have been **added**.

- CP 108–Feed Management Plan
- CP 154–Integrated Pest Management Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan
- CP 472–Access Control
- CP 576–Livestock Shelter Structure

Sedimentation Above Federal Reservoirs

The following CPs have been **added**.

- CP 110–Grazing Management Plan
- CP 142–Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan
- CP 154–Integrated Pest Management Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan
- CP 330–Contour Farming

The following CP has been **removed**.

- CP 346–Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge Till

Tribal

The following CPs have been **added**.

- CP 112–Prescribed Burning Plan
- CP 118–Irrigation Water Management Plan
- CP 154–Integrated Pest Management Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan
- CP 330–Contour Farming
- CP 432–Dry Hydrant
- CP 649–Structures for Wildlife

The following CP has been **removed**.

- CP 346–Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge Till

Water Quantity

The following CPs have been **added**.

- CP 110–Grazing Management Plan
- CP 142–Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan
- CP 154–Integrated Pest Management Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan
- CP 330–Contour Farming
- CP 550–Range Planting

The following CAs have been **removed.**

- CP 134–Conservation Plan Supporting Transition to Dryland
- CP 346–Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge Till

Wildlife Habitat

The following CPs have been **added.**

- CP 112–Prescribed Burning Plan
- CP 643–Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats
- CP 644–Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management
- CP 646–Shallow Water Development and Management
- CP 647–Early Successional Habitat Development/Management
- CP 649–Structures for Wildlife
- CP 657–Wetland Restoration
- CP 658–Wetland Creation
- CP 659–Wetland Enhancement

Water Quality

The following CPs have been **added.**

- CP 154–Integrated Pest Management Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan
- CP 330–Contour Farming
- CP 576–Livestock Shelter Structure
- CP 649–Structures for Wildlife

The following CP has been **removed.**

- CP 346–Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge Till

Soil Health

The following CPs have been **added.**

- CP 154–Integrated Pest Management Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan
- CP 330–Contour Farming
- CP 512–Forage and Biomass Planting
- CP 550–Range Planting

The following CP has been **removed.**

- CP 346–Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge Till

Changed Eligible CPs

- CP 134–Conservation Plan Supporting Transition from Irrigation to Dryland has been **deleted** from the payment schedule.
- CP 329–Residue and Tillage Management, No Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed has been **renamed** Residue and Tillage Management, No Till.
- CP 346–Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge Till has been **deleted** from the payment schedule and incorporated into CP 345, Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till.

- A scenario has been added to CP 380, Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and CP 612, Tree/Shrub Establishment that includes supplemental water for establishment; therefore, the participant is not required to meet the 2 out of the 5 year irrigation requirement.

FY 2015 Ranking Categories

The ranking categories for FY2015 are:

- Forestland Health*
- Grazing Lands Health*
- Livestock Waste*
- Sedimentation Above of Federal Reservoirs* (limited to watersheds above a federal reservoir)
- Soil Health*
- Tribal
- Water Quality*
- Water Quantity*
- Wildlife Habitat*

*Beginning Farmers/Ranchers (BF/R) and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers/Ranchers (SDF/R) have the option to apply under the ranking category specific to their resource concern or the ranking category for their historically underserved group, but not for both.

NOTE: Limited Resource Farmers/Ranchers may only apply under the ranking category specific to their resource concern. Self-certified Veteran Farmers/Ranchers have the option to apply under the ranking category specific to their resource concerns or within the BF/R or SDF/R ranking categories, but not for both.

Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs)

CAPs are available as eligible CPs under applicable ranking categories. The following CAPs are eligible CPs in applicable ranking categories (see ranking category eligible CP lists).

- Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
- Drainage Water Management Plan
- Feed Management Plan (**New**)
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan
- Forest Management Plan
- Grazing Management Plan
- Integrated Pest Management Plan
- Integrated Pest Management Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan (**New**)
- Irrigation Water Management Plan
- Nutrient Management Plan
- Pollinator Habitat Plan
- Prescribed Burning Plan (**New**)

A single, stand-alone application will be received by participants who desire a CAP to be developed by a certified technical service provider (TSP). The CAP will be scheduled and completed during the first 12 months after contract obligation. Payments will be made to the

participant for CAP development once the TSP has provided the appropriate statement of work (SOW) deliverables, documentation, and certification for the CAP.

Eligible producers may submit applications for the development of multiple CAPs; however, only one CAP contract may be developed on an eligible land unit (e.g., field) at the same time. Contracting of multiple CAP contracts on the same land unit is prohibited except for Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) and Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP). (AgEMP CAPs are only available in the On-Farm Energy Initiative.)

CP Payment Limitations

The following CPs FA CAPs are:

- 378–Pond–\$6,000/no.
- 441–Irrigation System–Microirrigation–\$750/ac (**increased from \$650/ac**)
- 442–Sprinkler System–\$650/ac
- 634–Waste Transfer–\$35,000/contract

NOTE: Payment limitations for management practices are listed in the FY2015 EQIP Payment Schedule.

Supervisory district conservationists shall ensure payment limitations are correctly entered for each applicable ProTracts contract item number.

Program Practice Narratives

Field offices should continue to use the program specific narratives in CST. If an application is not selected for funding, the CST conservation plan will need to be updated with non-program type narratives.

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Attachments